



**CYCLE CHILE MOUNTAINS,
COASTLINE, VINEYARDS CHALLENGE**

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ITINERARY – OUTLINE FOR BESPOKE TRIPS

Famed for its wine, the magnificent coastline, and of course the incredible Andes running the length of the country, our tough 5 day cycle challenge will make the most of these highlights as we cycle up the coast and into the Andes with time to visit vineyards along the way. Our challenge comes to an end in Santiago where we spend the night getting to know more of the fascinating, bustling city.

DAY 1 DEPART UK

We depart from the UK for our overnight flight to Santiago.

DAY 2 SANTIAGO/CHILE

Arrive Santiago and transfer to hotel for bike fitting and warm-up cycle. Tonight there will be a briefing and welcome meal to mark the start of a great week in this incredible country.

DAY 3 SAN ANTONIO 101KM

For our first cycling day we cycle through hills and vineyards to the coast at San Antonio. It's a tough ride but one that sets the feel of the event for the whole week. Today we cycle through some prime wine growing areas and we will visit one of the vineyards before ending the day at our hotel in the Port town of San Antonio.

DAY 4 VIGNA DEL MAR 98KM

After a good breakfast we set off on a great day of cycling as we head inland over the El Quisco Peninsula to the town of Algarrobo where we have a morning rest stop. From here the going gets tougher as we head into the hills south of Valparaiso. We pass through the beautiful Penuelas Lake National Park before the exhilarating descent in to Vigna del Mar/Valparaiso, the great coastal resort for the Santiago elite. For those that have the energy, tonight promises to be quite enjoyable as we take in the sights and sounds of this great coastal city.

DAY 5 LA LIGUA 90KM

Our first 20km today are along the great coastal roads to Concon. From here it's a long cycling day heading north on a road that takes us into the hills and through Quintero and Puncuncavi before we reach the coast for the last time at Zapallar and Papudo. Here we have a rest stop to enjoy our last views of the sea and then head off to the small town of La Ligua. It's a great cycling day and we end in the shadows of the Andes through which we will cycle tomorrow.

DAY 6**LOS ANDES****100KM**

This is the day that we cycle into the Andes, through the valleys, along the incredible rivers and tackling the hills! It's a long, tough day but one that we should be trained well for after the last 3 days of cycling. We have a quick morning stop in the town of Cabildo and then make our way, snaking around the mountains to the old gold town of Putaendo. We have an afternoon rest stop in San Felipe main square and end our toughest day in downtown Los Andes.

DAY 7**SANTIAGO****85KM**

Today we end our challenge, making our way back to Santiago. We cycle out of the hills avoiding the main highways and slowly start to see the signs of the capitol city. Once back at our hotel we can finally relax and put our feet up. Tonight we get together and mark the end of the challenge with a celebratory meal in one of Santiago's lively restaurants. Partying is expected to go on well into the night!

DAY 8**DEPART CHILE**

We have a little time this morning for some last minute shopping before we transfer back to the airport for our flight back to the UK.

DAY 9**ARRIVE HOME.**



LOGISTICS



COST OF CHALLENGE

From £2195

For groups of less than 15 please get in touch

CHALLENGE COST INCLUSIONS

Pre-trip briefing by Action Challenge staff

International flights

Action Challenge Representative

Expedition Medic

English-speaking local guides

Luggage Transfer

Bike

All accommodation

All meals, except in free time

All transfers

All National Park fees

3 litres of water provided daily

NOT INCLUDED

Alcoholic drinks

Travel insurance

Personal kit

Single supplement

Tips for local guides

Local departure tax

Fuel supplement

ABOUT ACTION CHALLENGE

As our name suggests, Action Challenge specialises in the creation of challenging, travel-based activities the world over. Since 1999, we have worked with many blue chip companies, over 600 national and regional charities, schools, sports clubs, groups of friends and individuals on both UK and overseas events. With over 160 itineraries in some of the most unexplored places on the globe, we are proud of lengths we go to, to bring our clients experiences they would be unable to find elsewhere.

TOTAL DISTANCE CYCLED

Approximately 474km

RATING & FITNESS

This tough challenge requires a good level of fitness to cycle the route.

ACCOMMODATION

6 nights in a mixed variety of hotels throughout the ride.

FOOD

Breakfasts each morning will be at the accommodation, lunch en-route and evening meals will be at the hotel or in local restaurants.

CLIMATE

This area of Chile is best visited in the verdant spring (Sept – Nov) or during the Autumn harvest (late Feb to Apr). This is also high season (Dec to Mar).

Temperatures in this period range from 19-30 degrees. Rainfall is 1-25mm with 12-14hrs of sunlight a day.